

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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REFRESHMENT AMOUNT UNDER NCC
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the per student amount fixed for refreshment under NCC scheme being run by the various schools and colleges in the country;
- (b) whether this amount is sufficient;
- (c) the manner in which the Government ensures that the refreshment of the fixed amount is distributed among the students;
- (d) whether the Government has received some complaints that a number of schools and colleges have withdrawn the amount meant for refreshment and did not distribute it among the students;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) NCC Cadets are authorized refreshment allowance @ Rs. 2/- per parade of 40 minutes.
- (b) The rate of refreshment allowance was enhanced from Rupee 1/- per parade to Rupees 2/- per parade on 30.9.1997. The expenditure on refreshment allowance is entirely borne by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations (UTAs). It is for the State Governments/UTAs for providing higher rate of refreshment allowance, if considered necessary.
- (c) All the NCC Directorates have been issued instructions to maintain a proper record of the details of cost of refreshment, number of parades with dates, number of cadets alongwith their names and signatures.
- (d) No such complaints have been received by the Government.
- (e) & (f): Does not arise in view of above.